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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Senate yesterday adopted a resolution directing the Committee on Naval Affairs to make thorough investigation into the destruction of the Maine and report to the Senate. —— A bill passed the House to pay the Lutheran College at Newberry, S. C., $15,000 for damages caused by Federal troops in 1865. —— A sweeping reduction of over $8,000,000 is made in the Sundry Civil appropriation bill, including a reduction of over five millions on work for rivers and harbors. —— The Board of Inquiry to investigate the disaster to the Maine began its investigations at Havana yesterday; the divers also began work under direction of gunner Chas. Morgan, of the cruiser New York —— The Navy Department has not yet determined what warship shall be sent to Havana to replace the Maine, although it has been determined to send another there. —— The New Orleans carnival opened yesterday with a grand procession. —Jimmy Michael, the great bicycle rider, has retired from the field. —— "Kid" McCoy's wife has been granted a divorce. —— The new wharf at Tampico, Mexico, destroyed by fire; loss estimated at $2,000,000; fully insured. — McKinley will deliver an oration to-day at the University of Pennsylvania. —— Senor Sagasta, the Spanish premier, says the reports of divers show that the Maine disaster was an accident. —— The social courtesies which the United States government intended to extend to the Spanish warship Vizcaya have been abandoned on account of the catastrophe to the Maine; it is expected the Vizcaya will sail in a day or two for Havana. —— In the United States Supreme Court, in the North Carolina Railroad case, a motion to dismiss was submitted by counsel; also a motion of attachment for contempt and to restore plaintiffs to office. —— Spanish officials are not interfering with the investigation into the Maine explosion. —Mrs. Whitney, wife of the ex-Secretary of the Navy, was thrown from a horse and seriously hurt at Aiken, S. C. —— The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is in session at Washington. —New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@1¾ per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling 6¢; flour moderately active, firm and higher; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red $1.09½; corn—spot easy, No. 2 37½c; rosin steady, strained, common to good $1.40@1.45; spirits turpentine firm at 33½@34½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 39 deg.; 8 P.M., 42 deg.; maximum, 58 deg.; minimum, 30 deg.; mean, 48 deg.

Rainfall for the day, T; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.30.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Cloudiness prevails along the coast and fair weather over the interior of the South to-night, with a slight snowfall during the day at Atlanta and Montgomery.

Freezing weather is reported from Atlanta. It is colder over the eastern portion and warmer over the western portion of the South.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock midnight Tuesday—Generally fair weather; colder, with freezing weather Tuesday morning; warmer in the afternoon, northwest to northerly winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 5.3 feet.

Port Almanac—February 22.

Sun Rises	6.42 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.47 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 05 M.
High Water at Southport	8.35 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	10.15 P. M.

Paris is suffering from an epidemic of grip. Judging from the reports of the Zola trial justice seems to have lost her grip.

Dr. Nansen doesn't think it worth while going on balloonatic expeditions in search of Andree, who will probably report about next August.

Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, of Dover, N. H., declares she is going to run for Congress in that district, and she means it. She is a lawyer.

Chicago complains that $130,000,000 of her property is owned by absentees. The fact is that Chicago was largely built with the money of absentees.

Promoter Grable, who so hypnotized that Chemical Bank cashier, would like to have another chance at the bank. Perhaps he would like to grab all.

Capt. Tom Morton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is said to have been the first white man who ever entered the city of Pekin, and his wife was the first white woman.

American locomotives are bowling to the front in Europe. The Baldwin works in Philadelphia have just received an order for fourteen from the Russian Government.

Some New York men are powerful kissers. A New York woman has sued one for kissing her so hard that two teeth fell out and she wants damages for those teeth.

Ex-State Auditor Moore, of Nebraska, who was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for appropriating $23,000 collected from insurance companies for doing business in the State, has been released the Court of Appeals having decided that the companies simply paid the money to the wrong man and it wasn't the State's money he appropriated but the money of the companies. He admits getting the money, and now he has the money and also gets out of prison.

Count Esterhazy, whose reputation is somewhat hazy, has told somebody that he wouldn't be surprised to see the streets of Paris strewn with 100,000 dead bodies before the Zola affair concludes. Unless reports do the Count much injustice he should be in the place of Captain Dreyfus, and then there wouldn't be the fuss that is now stirring up Paris. He is suspected of having sold the secrets that Dreyfus was banished for.

A Missouri court, in an insurance case, has decided that a woman whose husband died from blood poisoning caused by a sore toe, the result of wearing a tight shoe, is entitled to the insurance on his life because he came to his death by an "accident," and not by design or pre-arrangement. No man, the court held, would designedly wear a shoe to bring about such a result.

Mr. Anson, the veteran base ball player, is reported to have recently declined a $50,000 testimonial, that the other base ball fellows proposed to get up for him. He didn't want to be considered either a superannuated nor a pauper, and was still in the ring. A pretty good hit for Mr. Anson. But there are not many who would make it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hall & Pearsall—Forage.
Notice—A Washington Tea.
J. Hicks Bunting—War with Spain.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Getting breakfast ready.

INCENDIARY FIRE.

The City Pest House at Mount Tirzah Completely Destroyed.

The pest house at Mount Tirzah was burned down on Sunday night at 9 o'clock. Mr. John McKinney, the keeper, who resides on the plantation not far from the house, was here yesterday afternoon and brought news of the fire to Mr. George Harriss, president of the Seamen's Friend Society, to which the building belonged.

It was not known at first whether the fire was of incendiary origin or whether the city authorities had ordered the house burned, one of the stipulations upon which the use of the building had been granted to the city having been that it should be burned when there was no further use for it. But the city authorities did not learn of the fire until yesterday morning. So it seems certain that this pest house went the way of the others—that is, it was set on fire. It was valued at about $200, and was not insured.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—106 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—242 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 146 bbls rosin, 30 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—3 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 189 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—12 bales cotton, 111 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—59 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Driver—49 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 105 bbls rosin, 64 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 471 bales; spirits turpentine, 15 casks; rosin, 551 bbls; tar, 111 bbls.

The Naval Battalion.

The equipments of the North Carolina Naval Battalion as printed in the STAR last week did not include some canvas reconnaissance boats, one of which has been ordered for each of the divisions. The Wilmington and Southport boats have arrived, the former addressed to Lieut. H. H. McIlhenny, and the latter to Lieut. M. Ferguson.

The boats are substantially made of oiled canvas, and measure 35 feet over all with six feet beam. All the equipments, such as oar locks, sails, etc., accompany them.

Husband Attacked His Wife.

A "scrap" between a husband and wife is to be given a hearing before Justice Bunting this morning at 12 o'clock. It is an assault with deadly weapon charged against A. W. Carver by his wife, Mamie Carver. They live over in Brooklyn. It seems that Carver attacked his wife some time Sunday with a knife and also attempted to brain her with a chain. No damage was done on either side.

Postponed Until Wednesday Night.

The meeting that was to have been held at the office of Mr. H. McL. Green last night, to consider the feasibility of having the Interstate Association give a shoot here, was postponed until Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, when every sportsman is requested to be present at Mr. Green's office.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A street crossing is very much needed at the northern intersection of Fifth and Mulberry streets.

— Lieutenant D. S. Bender, of the Wilmington police department, is again on duty after an illness of more than a week.

— Spirits turpentine advanced one cent per gallon yesterday. It was quoted at 33 cents for machines at close of market.

— A goodly company of young people participated in quite an enjoyable impromptu dance in Hibernian Hall last night.

— Yesterday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church two new members were received, making six that have been added since the new year.

— The City Hall was given up to the colored people last night, who liberally patronized a concert for the benefit of the Central Baptist church.

— Mr. B. H. J. Ahrens is having extensive improvements made to the building on Dock street formerly used as an ice depot by Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co.

— The STAR learns with regret that Mr. R. C. Bowden has been visited with a stroke of paralysis. He had not long since recovered from a similar affliction.

— Mr. Eugene Williams, advance agent for Augustin Daly's celebrated comedy, "A Night Off," which appears at the Opera House, Monday, the 28th, was in the city yesterday.

— The wife of Geo. W. Price, colored, justice of the peace, died yesterday afternoon. She was the sister of Dan'l A. Sadgwar, who died suddenly while at work about a month ago.

— Superintendent John W. Reilly, of the Wilmington Gas Works, is pushing vigorously the work of lighting the Opera House with electricity, and hopes to have the job completed in two or three weeks.

— The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon at 3 P. M., with Drs. Wright, Russell, McMillan and Thomas in attendance, but there was no business of importance before it.

— Three marriage licenses were issued yesterday in New Hanover Register of Deeds' office. All were for colored people. They were Lemuel Reddick to Caledonia Jackson, Charles Evans to Luzellia Kospegay and George Nash to Mary Brown.

— Yesterday Joseph Howe, colored, was lodged in jail to await the next session of the New Hanover Criminal Court, having defaulted in a $50 bond required by Justice Bunting. Howe is charged with the larceny of an umbrella from McLane Loften on last Friday night.

— The flag of the *Morrill*, which was placed at half-mast in respect to the memory of the American seamen lost on the Maine, has been put up again, the custom being to keep the flag at half-mast only until after the burial of the persons in whose honor the mark of respect is shown.

— This morning at 10 o'clock Justice Bunting will give L. T. Smith a hearing on the charge of selling beer on Sunday at his place in Dross Neck. Yesterday he put N. A. Franks under a $50 bond to keep the peace for three months, the warrant having been sworn out by L. T. Smith.

A Sad Affliction.

The wide circle of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farmer sympathize with them most deeply in the sad affliction which befell them in the death of their little girl, Ida Springer Farmer. She died at 1.55 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. C. G. Southerland, Mrs. Farmer's father, No. 16 North Eighth street. Death resulted from a three weeks' illness with continued fever which baffled the skill of the physicians. The little girl was not quite three years of age. The funeral will take place at 10.30 this morning from Mr. Southerland's residence and the interment will be at Oakdale.

At Ocean View.

Mr. George Campbell, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday, and in the afternoon went down to Ocean View to inspect the Seashore Hotel. He is leaving nothing undone in the way of advertising Ocean View as a watering place and the Seashore as the hotel for Summer boarders. He has in contemplation extensive improvements, such as new bath houses, etc., which will go to make the hotel all that could be wished. Besides, Mr. Campbell is going to arrange some attractions that will be a strong inducement.

New Executive Officer For the Morrill.

The *Army and Navy Journal* states that Johnstone H. Quinan has been ordered to Wilmington to become executive officer on the *Morrill*, succeeding Acting Executive Officer Francis Levis. Former Executive Officer J. C. Moore is now on the *Forward*, at Tampa, Fla.

Cadets Wilde and Wiley have been ordered to Washington for examination before the department.

State Committee Meeting.

Mr. Wm. H. Bernard left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee to be held to-night. The principal business will be to name the time and place for holding the State Convention, though there are other matters of importance to be considered. It has been ascertained that there will be a very full attendance at this meeting.

ART AND MUSIC.

Entertainment Under Auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's.

MUSIC AND RECITATIONS.

Programme Delightfully Rendered—An Art Exhibit and Subsequent Sale of Pictures — Other Interesting Features.

Quite an enjoyable evening was spent by a goodly company of people at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brenner last night from 8 to 10 o'clock. The occasion was "An Evening of Art and Music," given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. H. G. Smallbones is the efficient president.

The features of the evening were a delightfully rendered programme of music and recitations and an art exhibit and subsequent sale of pictures. First of all there was the musical programme, which was under the direction of Rev. A. D. McClure.

There were admirably rendered recitations by Misses Isabella McDougall and Eunice Nimmocks.

An enjoyable vocal duet was rendered by Mesdames A. H. Sprunt and Williams. Miss Strauss executed a piano solo, which was heartily received.

Miss Callaway charmed the company with her rendition of a vocal solo. There was a violin and piano accompaniment by Misses Smallbones and Burtt, the former on the violin and the latter on the piano.

Misses Burtt and Sprunt played a piano duet. Mrs. Williams also sang a solo, which was much enjoyed.

The remaining features of the programme, both of which were heartily received, were a vocal solo by Mr. Neil McGeachy and a piano solo by Mr. A. G. Brenner.

When the musical programme was concluded the guests were ushered into the picture gallery where a large number of pictures were exhibited for sale. Quite a large number were sold and a creditable sum realized. The special picture committee was Misses Britt and Callaway. Mr. P. Heinsberger was also quite active in arranging this feature. The special committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Mesdames A. D. McClure, A. G. Brenner and W. H. Sprunt.

All who participated are to be congratulated upon the thorough success of the event.

LIVE SAVING SERVICE.

New Stations Being Established on the North Carolina and Virginia Coast.

Mr. John H. Miller, of New York, Assistant Superintendent of Construction in the United States Life Saving Service, spent several hours in the city yesterday on his way to Cape Fear, where he goes to inspect the life saving station there with a view to making a special report to the department as to repairs needed there.

To a STAR representative Mr. Miller said that considerable repairs and improvements are to be made at the Cape Fear station, but he cannot tell what will be the character of them until he has made an inspection and had a conference with the officers at the station.

Mr. Miller says that four new lifesaving stations are being built by the Government along the Atlantic coast. Two of these are on the North Carolina and two on the Virginia coast. Those on the coast of this State are at Caffey's Inlet and Oregon Inlet. The one at the latter place is now about completed, and cost $4,500. In fact, each of the four stations will cost about that sum. The Caffey's Inlet station is not more than half finished.

The stations on the coast of Virginia, are at Dam Lake and Falls Cape. The one at Dam Lake is now being completed and that at Falls Cape is about half done.

Mr. Miller will return to New York as soon as he shall have completed the inspection of the Cape Fear station.

"BALL IN FAIRYLALD."

A Large Audience Witnessed the Performance Last Night at the Opera House.

Owing to the elaborate reference made in Sunday's STAR to the Saturday matinee, "A Ball in Fairyland," a detailed account of last night's delightful repetition is needless. Another large audience witnessed the performance last night and all were charmed with the excellent deportment of the young people who have been so admirably drilled by Miss Cammie Lord. In Sunday's account of the matinee the names of the bevy of charming ladies and misses who so gracefully executed the "Gypsy Dance" were by accident omitted. They were; Mrs. DuBrutz Cutlar and Misses Cammie Lord, Viola Livingstan, Ida Evans, Florie Grant, Beth Daggett, Annie Holmes, Alice Wright, Janie Williams, Annia Harper, Alice Smallbones, Mary Legg, Isabelle Black, Mildred Hunt, Addie Gaylord, Sadie Williams and Louise Evans.

The proceeds of last night's presentation of "A Ball in Fairyland" will be used by the Hospital Circle in paying the expenses of women who have to undergo surgical operations at the hospital and are not able to bear the expense.

THE ARTESIAN WELL.

Water Works Company Will Not Abandon the Project—Another Contract Made.

Mr. James Storey, the contractor who has been driving the artesian well at Hilton for the Clarendon Water Works, has thrown up the contract owing to the difficulties which had to be overcome. The loss in the unsuccessful venture is divided betwen Mr. Storey, who, according to the contract, furnished the labor, and the Water Works Company, who furnished the pipe.

The Water Works Company have acted with great promptness in already closing a contract with another party to drive the well. As soon as Mr. Storey's intentions were made known, Mr. W. F. Robertson, superintendent of the company, went to Norfolk to see the kind of job that was being turned out by Mr. C. L. Parker, a widely known well man, of Ithaca, N. Y. He was favorably impressed with what he saw, and on his return told the director that Parker was the man to do the work.

In response to a telegram asking him to come to Wilmington, Mr. Parker arrived in the city Sunday and yesterday afternoon signed a contract to sink the well. He will leave to-day and have the necessary tools and material shipped at once and work will commence inside of 30 days.

Mr. Parker has never failed to get water and he has dug wells in a number of cities where the disadvantages are quite as great as they are here. He has accepted contracts where others have failed and pushed them to successful completion. Some of the cities at which Mr. Parker has driven wells are Montgomery, Ala., Florence, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Ocala, Fla., and Charleston, S. C.

AN UNEXPECTED FEE.

Squire McGowan Rewarded for Gratuitous Service Rendered the Needy Widow of a Union Soldier.

James M. McGowan, Esq., yesterday received a letter from Mr. Henry Sands, at Newark, N. J., enclosing a fee for a service which Mr. McGowan had rendered for Mr. Sand's mother for which he had neither charged or expected anything in return. The circumstance, to which some local interest attaches, is as follows:

A little more than a year ago Mr. McGowan received a letter from Sands, asking him to use his best endeavor to discover evidence of the death of his father's first wife, which was necessary to be filed with the pension department at Washington to secure to his father's second wife (Mr. Sand's mother) a pension as the relict of a Union soldier. The family was represented to be very poor, and Mr. McGowan, himself having been a gallant captain in the Confederate army, cheerfully did the service without charge. They have just succeeded in getting the pension, and the sale of the widow's little home, under mortgage foreclosure, is averted.

The evidence wanted was of the death of the first wife of John Sands, who was for many years prior to the war a baker for Mr. William Patton, who ran a bakery here before the war. It seems that soon after the death of his wife, he went back North and married again. He was wounded in the late war while fighting on the Union side.

Washington's Birthday.

To-day, February 22nd, is celebrated in history as the birthday of George Washington. One of the interesting events commemorative of this important date is a Martha Washington reception to be given to-night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson, corner of Front and Nun streets. Those who participate will be attired in the costumes that were worn in Revolutionary times.

As the day is a national holiday the Produce Exchange and Custom House will be closed and so will the banks. At the Postoffice Sunday hours will be observed, with the exception that the carriers will make an early morning delivery and the general delivery will be open from 9 to 10 A. M. and 6 to 7 P. M.

Mayor Wright's Court.

His Honor Mayor Wright yesterday disposed of four cases in his court Robt. Capps and John Watson were convicted of fighting and were each fined $2.50 and costs. The difficulty was at the corner of Dock and Front streets Saturday night. Watson settled his fine and costs, but Capps took an appeal to the Criminal Court.

Walter Melton was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and paid $2.45 and costs.

The fourth case was against Claude Lesley. Drunk and disorderly was the charge and $2.00 was the fine imposed.

The total fines and costs in the four cases was $16.50.

Revival in Mount Airy.

A revival of religion is going on at the Methodist Church in Mount Airy, N. C., and of the two preachers assisting the pastor one of them is Rev. James Needham, of whom the Mount Airy *News* says:

Father Needham, old and feeble and trembling on the brink of the grave—only a short time and he is in the home of the blest—preaches and exhorts and prays. The privilege of hearing him will soon be gone forever. By all means go out and hear the precious truths from the lips of one whom you know is as near a saint on earth as it is possible for a man to become. Father Needham is nearly 99 years old and delights to "tell the story" to any who may listen.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Celebration by Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy.

AS STATED IN THE STAR.

The Revised Constitution of the Chapter—Some Important Changes Made—The Committees—Annual Meetings, Etc.

In the STAR'S report in Sunday's paper of the monthly session of the Cape Fear Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy it was stated that material changes were made in the constitution of the organization. The gist of the revised constitution is as follows:

Article 1 provides that the name shall be "Cape Fear Daughters of the Confederacy," and Article 2 that the purpose is to bring together in a common cause the women who shared the common dangers and sufferings consequent upon the late war, and to give assistance to Confederate veterans and families, to collect and preserve relics, etc., of historic value, and gather and put on record war incidents of local interest.

By article 3, it is provided that all women who are widows, wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces or lineal descendants of honorable Confederate soldiers and other participants in the late war shall be eligible to membership. It also specifies how applications shall be filed and membership certificates issued. There is also a provision that two negative votes shall debar an applicant from membership.

The next article provides for the election of a president, vice president, recording and corresponding secretaries and a treasurer.

Article 5 provides for four committees, of five members each. They are on Finance, Membership, History and Relics and Memorials. The chairmen of these committees and officers of the Association form a Governing Board. And on Memorial Day the entire Association is a committee of the whole for the proper observance of the day.

Article 6 provides for annual meetings on the 19th of each January, an annual fee of $1.00 for each member and regulating the call of special or general meetings. The next article provides that the chapter be entitled to one vote to every 25 members in the general State conventions. And the 8th article that the seal and badge of the Association shall be that prescribed by the national organization.

The ninth and last article declares that the constitution can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the members in regular session after thirty days' notice.

The president of the Daughters of the Confederacy told a STAR representative yesterday that the STAR'S report Sunday as to the status of preparations for Memorial Day celebration was correct in that they are undecided as to whether they will have an oration by some prominent citizen or prepare and have read a history of the Wilmington Memorial Association.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Entertainment to be Given To-night by the Ministering Circle of the Kings' Daughters.

The most pretentious and doubtless by odds, the most enjoyable celebration of Washington's Birthday will be the "Madam Washington Reception" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson on Front street, this afternoon and to-night, under the auspices of the Ministering Circle of The King's Daughters.

Extensive reference to this event has been made in previous issues of the STAR, but some further foreshadowing will not be amiss. As has been heretofore stated, the event will be in progress from 5 to 10 P. M.

While the programme in detail had not been completed last night still it is sufficiently so to afford abundant assurance of a most delightful evening. It is settled that Miss Maie O'Connor will sing and that Miss Bessie D. Burtt of this city and Mr. White of New York will render instrumental selections. Miss Fair Payne and Mrs. E. P. Parker will also take prominent parts in the evening's entertainment.

Madam Washington assisted by the Cabinet ladies will receive in the front parlors. The pages Masters Louis Davis and Willie Peck will receive and announce all guests. As yet none of the ladies have reported what characters of the Washington period they will impersonate.

In the library there will be an abundant supply of home-made candy, which will be sold to the guests. In the dining-room, below stairs, will be served free of charge delicious refreshments. This department will be under the direction of Miss Lizzie Peck. She has selected a bevy of Wilmington's most charming young ladies to assist her in the serving of refreshments. They are Misses Marie Peschau, Mazie West, Sue McQueen, Augusta Williams and Jennie and Mary Treat Peck. These young ladies will be attired in lovely empire gowns.

All friends of the Ministering Circle are urged to patronize this reception and no invitations have been issued. An evening of much enjoyment is assured all who attend.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. C. Williams, of Clinton, is here.

— Mr. R. T. Brinkley, of Bolton, is in the city.

— Mr. C. M. Steinmetz, of Rose Hill, is in the city.

— Mr. P. B. Wilkes, of Monroe, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Freeman left yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. J. M. V. Reaves, of Bughill, is here on business.

— Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Fair Bluff, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Robt. Phillips, of Charlestown, W. Va., is in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. John Lesarge, of Hub, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. William V. Anderson, of Cronly, is registered at the Orton.

— Major Lewis, a well known horse dealer of Whiteville, is here on business.

— Mr. L. D. Cherry, a civil engineer of Long Creek, is in the city on business.

— Among the visitors in Wilmington yesterday was Mr. D. H. Harnly, of Chadbourn.

— The STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. Edwin Sellers, of Atkinson, Pender county.

— Mr. Pat King, of Clinton, spent Sunday in the city. His friends here are always glad to see and meet him.

— Mr. J. D. Green, travelling salesman for the R. J. Reynold's Tobacco Company, of Winston, is in the city.

— Mr. E. C. Cuykendall, representing C. Walters & Co., commission merchants, Newark, N. J., was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Curry, formerly of the firm of Woody & Curry, of this city, is registered at The Orton. He is now farming in Cumberland county.

— A STAR representative yesterday formed the acquaintance of Mr. W. Geo. Shallcross, representing A. Cancello, commission merchant, Philadelphia.

— Capt. W. E. Craighill left Sunday afternoon for Savannah, Ga., where he was summoned to appear yesterday as a witness in the now famous Carter court martial case.

— Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, was here yesterday. He says the only damage caused in and around Chadbourn by the forest fires was the burning up of the fences and the straw with which strawberry plants were covered.

— Mrs. D. H. Jenkins and three daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Mildred and Sarah, left for their home at Caroline, Rutherford county. They have spent some time in Wilmington, the guests of Mrs. Jenkins' aunt, Mrs. Fannie J. Mitchell, on Fourth street. Mr. Jenkins is extensively interested in the Caroline cotton mills.

— Mr. J. R. Sawyer of the North Carolina annual conference of the Methodist E. Church, South, who was sent to the Rich Square Circuit the present conference year, has been transferred by Bishop Hargrove to California and stationed at Sanger. Mr. Sawyer married in this city and was pastor of the Bladen street M. E. church here for one year.

— Mrs. W. B. Oliver will leave this morning for Mount Olive, accompanied by three of her children, the other two remaining here with Mr. Oliver for several days. After spending a short while at Mount Olive and Raleigh she will go to Drake's Branch, Va., to visit her parents. As Mr. Oliver has decided to work in another field after May 1st, Mrs. Oliver will not return to Wilmington. A large number of friends regret exceedingly to see her leave.

Mr. Gales Coming March 27th.

It was announced yesterday at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church that Mr. Weston R. Gales, the noted lay evangelist, will begin a series of meetings there March 27th and will continue for about two weeks. It is very probable that the day services will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building. The STAR, it will be remembered, announced several days ago that Mr. Gales would be here soon, but that the date had not been fixed. The St. Andrews' congregation is to be congratulated upon having secured Mr. Gales for this special work. He has been remarkably successful in evangelistic work, and is a man of decided ability and consecration.

Cutting Affray in Battleboro.

A correspondent of the STAR writing from Gold Rock, Nash county, N. C., February 20th, says:

A cutting affray took place in Battleboro yesterday between Tom Jolly, white, and Bob Tuckers, colored. Jolly was badly rut on the left cheek, the left arm near shoulder, and near the thigh. While the wounds are not serious, they are very painful. The negro escaped unharmed, except that a small piece of skin was knocked off his foreheady by Jolly's fist. The affair happened in a close room and the result would have been more serious, if friends had not interfered. The negro escaped and has not been seen since. Dr. H. B. Morriatt attended to Jolly's wounde.

DIED.

FARMER—On Sunday, February 20th, 1898, at 1.55 p. m., IDA SPRINGER, aged 2 years and 9 months, daughter of Graham and Genie Farmer.

Funeral at 10.30 a. m. to-day, from Mr. C. G. Southerland's residence, 16 North Eighth street. Interment at Oakdale. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

PRICE—SOPHIE SADGWA PRICE, wife of Geo. W. Price, Jr., Monday, February 21st, at 3.30 o'clock p. m., in the 30th year of her age, of Bright's disease.

Funeral at residence, corner Fifth and Brunswick streets, Tuesday, February 22nd, at 3 o'clock p. m., thence to cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited.

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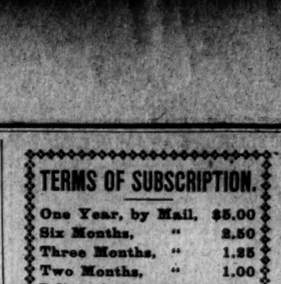

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NOTICE TO NORTH CAROLINA CONTRACTORS.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE DEAF AND DUMB and the Blind Institution at Raleigh invite sealed proposals for the erection and completion of the Auditorium Building for the Institution agreeable to the plans and specifications as prepared by Architect Frank P. Milburn. The same are now on file at the Institution and in the Architect's office, Charlotte, N. C., for the inspection of bidders. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for $400, made payable to the Board of Trustees as evidence. If bid is accepted the bidder will enter into contract and file an acceptable Guarantee Company's Bond in the sum of $10,000, made payable to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.

Bids will be received until 7 P. M. March 14th, 1898. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. JOHN E. RAY, Principal.

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Corn, Oats, Peas.

Don't buy Molasses until you see our FINEST.

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A Washington Tea.

THE ANNUAL RECEPTION OF THE MInistering Circle of the Kings' Daughters will be held from 5 o'clock this afternoon until 10 o'clock this evening, at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Robinson, corner of Front and Nun streets. All are invited and will be welcome. Refreshments free. A receptacle for donations will be at the door. feb 22 1t

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

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THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

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Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22, 1898

STATE BANKS.

Some time ago the Legislature of Georgia passed a bill for the establishment of banks in that State with the right to issue notes, which provided that when persons desiring to establish a bank had complied with the requirements of the act, a charter be issued and the State supply the notes as provided for in the act. It further provided that in the event the ten per cent. Federal tax on the notes issued be demanded and the President of the bank pay it he should do so under protest, and so notify the Governor whose duty it was made to institute suit for the recovery of the tax and thus test the constitutionality of the tax act. In writing about this to the Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record*, Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, says:

"I have said all that I can say of the necessity of such legislation as will give the South the opportunity to supply itself with its own instruments of exchange. What more can I say? I regard the movement in the State of Georgia as a very important one, namely, legislation granting authority for the establishment of State banks with power to issue bank notes. I understand that this act has been passed in contemplation of resistance to the bank tax, if the Comptroller of the Currency should attempt to forbid. I hope that course will be taken. I believe that the ten per cent. tax on bank circulation is an abuse of the power of taxation, and I think it will fall on an appeal. I have always regarded the silver craze in the South as to some extent justifiable under the present repressive conditions in regard to banking. Why, I learn that when the Southern banks adopted small checks in order to carry themselves through the panic, they were threatened with suits for an evasion of the tax laws. I can see nothing to forbid State banks executing reciprocal checks on each other to any extent under present laws which would serve the purposes of circulation, which would not be bank notes, and to which the present law could not be applied, even if it can be applied to the check of a cashier of a bank on his own bank, which is commonly called a bank note.

"What the South needs more even than local banks is the branch system of Scotland and of Canada, so that the capital which cannot find a use in the North may find a safe use elsewhere."

The Georgia act was not passed in defiance of the Federal law, but was put in the shape in which it is, simply to test the validity of an act which works great hardship to the South and to other sections of the country which are deficient in banking facilities, and which is believed by many well informed persons to be an abuse of Federal legislative power, an infringement upon the rights of the States, at least in time of peace, when there can be no good reason assigned why that law which was intended, (and so conceded by those who favored it and advocated it) to be merely temporary, should be made permanent. It is well known that when the imposition of this tax on State banks was proposed, it was for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of national banks, which would facilite the sale on better terms of Government bonds, which the emergencies of the times made necessary, and yet thirty-six years after that emergency appeared and thirty-three years after it had disappeared, this tax, an arbitrary tax, justified as a war measure in the first instance, is perpetuated.

Whatever doubts there may be as to the power of Congress to pass that act in the first instance we do not believe there can be much doubt as to its lack of power to perpetuate it, and we know that a good many men versed in the law do not believe it has any such power. The only reason, and that is not a good one, why it should be perpetuated is to prevent the establishment of State banks, which would spring up wherever needed in the event of the repeal of the tax, and to preserve to the national banks the monopoly of note issuing which they have held ever since the establishment of the national bank system.

Of course this would be denied, and it will be contended that the motive in the refusal to repeal is to secure to the country a uniform currency, national in its character, which will be as good in one section of the country as in another, which is practically admitting what is denied, for any system that does that under Federal legislation is substantially a national bank system—the present system perhaps somewhat varied—by whatever name it may be called. We cannot have State banks under Federal laws; or directly or indirectly under Federal supervision. They must be either State banks under State laws, or national banks under Federal laws, one or the other. They can't be both.

All this talk about guarding against "wild cat" banks is entirely outside of the question, and has nothing to do with the case. It is simply another illustration of Government paternalism, which has already gone too far and from which the people of this country have suffered irreparably already. The Congress of the United States has the right under the constitution to coin money and regulate the value thereof, but it has no more right to legislate to protect the people of the States from loss by such notes as the banks established under State laws might issue than it has to protect the buyers of eggs from bad eggs. This is legislation which (whether of an economic, financial or sanitary character) belongs to the States and the people thereof, and not to the Federal Government, which has no more right to meddle with the notes which the people of the States see fit to issue and circulate than it has to fool with the eggs or butter they buy. The State can prohibit the sale of unsound food articles, as most States do, but this is entirely outside of the province of the Congress of the United States.

The States are considered to be fully competent to take care of their people in cases like this and they are also equally competent to protect their people against a "wildcat" currency. If the States lack the sense to sufficiently protect their people when they issue charters to banks, that is their look out and it is their people who suffer. It is not the business of the Congress to look after the people of a State in a matter like that, when a State fails to provide the proper safeguards, even if the motives of Congress be entirely good and the sole purpose be to protect the people against a "wildcat" currency and give them a sound currency.

If a test of this power were made, as contemplated in the Georgia bank act, and the courts sustain the contention of those who hold that there is no constitutional authority for the perpetuation of this bank tax law, we would very soon settle the question of "currency reform," for the South would supply its own currency, and that is all the "reform" it would need for some time come.

MINOR MENTION.

Amid the speculations as to the outcome of the Cuban war, intervention, &c., we may expect to hear more or less about complications with other European Governments which may have interests at stake in Cuba or may sympathize with Spain. It has been intimated heretofore that in the event we recognize Cuba we may expect to see Germany supporting Spain, and the fact that Germany had sent a couple war vessels to Havana was pointed to as a significant fact in this connection. Now we have the report that France has given this Government to understand that she will not stand idly and see Spain pushed too hard by the United States. Aside from the dislike of this country which has grown somewhat in Germany lately, mainly from the tariff system which operates against German trade with us, the only motive which Germany could have for assisting Spain in the event of hostilities with this country would be to protect the German money lenders who have been lending money to Spain. But would that pay? There is no feeling in France against this country. Outside of the tariff, which has a tendency to hamper French trade with our people, as it does that of Germany, there is no conflict between the two countries. French bankers have lent money to Spain, which they may be concerned about, and their Government may desire to see these investments protected, but would it pay France to become involved in a war with this country to protect these loans? The whole question is summed up in that—would it pay? Even under ordinary circumstances, if these Governments had not to face complications in other directions, becoming involved in a war with the United States would cost them more than the amount of money these bankers have invested in Spain. They simply couldn't afford it; it would be paying too much for the whistle. About the time a few guns were fired on this side, Japan or Russia might throw a shot or two on the Chinese side, and then the racket would begin when they would need all the warships they have, and they would have something more important to attend to than looking after German or French loans to Spain.

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It isn't very remarkable, perhaps, that the Governor should be anxious to lease the Atlantic railroad, but it is somewhat remarkable, considering his relations to and opinion of the Southern Railway company that he should be anxious to lease to it. It is also somewhat remarkable that he is enticing it to lease by the offer to suspend pending prosecutions against Col. Andrews, for alleged violations of the railroad laws, which must logically be followed by suspending further proceedings to invalidate the lease of the North Carolina road, for the Atlantic railroad would be an elephant on the hands of the Southern, if it lost control of the North Carolina road. It seems to us that if the Governor be as anxious as he is reported to be to lease this road to the Southern, after the broadcast advertising he has given that corporation as a corrupt combination, he is putting himself in a rather awkward and inconsistent position, and throwing a good deal of suspicion on the sincerity of his motives in the fight he has made against it. This would only confirm the opinions of those (and they are a good many) who have never believed him sincere in that matter. But if he and Marion Butler still hope to play the railroad racket as a basis of fusion, and a political issue, will not this move to lease the Atlantic to the Southern knock them out and spoil the game? He can't consistently continue to attack a corporation for leasing one road after he has offered it, with inducements, the lease of another.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Inventor Nikola Tesla says there is an invention to meet every crisis, but he is mistaken. There is evidently no means by which the President of the United States can be furnished with a substantial spinal column.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The American Pulp and Paper Company has declared for the gold standard. The association has no objection, of course, to paper in its proper place, but when it comes to using it for money the pulp men rightly think that a certain amount of conservatism is called for.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Precautions will be taken in the construction of naval vessels in the future to protect their magazines from explosion. The coal bunkers of the New York will be reconstructed, and any others will also be overhauled that need it; so the awful Maine tragedy is likely to be of great benefit, as well as a great loss of money, human life and naval prestige.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— We are not prepared to say just what Sam Jones is driving at, but we have no idea that he is seriously in the race for Governor of Georgia. He has taken advantage of the intense interest in the subject to secure the attention of the State for some announcement that he desires everybody to hear, but that he expects actually to become a candidate for the office of Governor is not to be believed.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

Seekers after gold are often disappointed Seekers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it meets every expectation. †

TWINKLINGS.

— Friends, They Say: Amy—"Isn't that a small shoe, dear?" Maud—"Yes, dear—for the foot!"—*Boston Traveler.*

— A.—"I'm thinking of dabbling a little in stocks. What's a good thing to put your money in?" B.—"Your inside pocket."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Zigsby—"There goes a fellow who whistles at danger." Perksby—"Ah, he must be a very brave fellow! Who is he?" Zigsby—"A locomotive driver."—*Boston Traveler.*

— He Explains: Mrs. Brown—"It's a shame the way the early settlers killed off the Indians!" Mr. Brown—"They couldn't get close enough, my dear, to chloroform them."

— The Early Christian: Teacher—"What do you know about the early Christians?" Tommy—"Our girl is one of 'em. She gets up in the morning and goes to church before breakfast."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Do you think a woman could stand the wear and tear of being President of the United States?" "Of course; if she had all she wanted to wear she wouldn't care anything about the tear."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Dr. Miles' Nervine

A REMEDY FOR THE

Effects of Tobacco.

THE excessive use of tobacco, especially by young men is always injurious and undoubtedly shortens life materially. Mr. Ed. C. Ebsen, compositor on the Contra-Costa *News*, Martinez, Cal., writes: "I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and received much benefit from it. I was troubled with nervousness, dizzy spells and sleeplessness, caused by the use of tobacco and stimulants. I took Dr. Miles' Nervine with marvelously good results, allaying the dizziness, quieting the nerves, and enabling me to sleep and rest, proving in my case a very beneficial remedy." Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is especially adapted to restoring the nervous system to its normal condition under such circumstances. It soothes, heals and strengthens.

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"A man is known by the company he keeps."

Above are the pictures of two well-known and noble gentlemen. One is the Rt. Rev. Bishop Edward Wilson, D. D., L.L. D., and the other is Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D., L.L. D., President of Howard University, Washington, D. C. These gentlemen have secured the high positions they hold and the confidence which every one has in them through the fidelity they have shown to humanity and the cause they represent. They are men who have the confidence of all who know them; men who love humanity and seek by every means in their power to do everything to benefit it.

It is notable, though not strange, that both these gentlemen have found great help and assistance from the same source, namely, one of the great discoveries of the age.

Bishop Wilson says: "I have taken Warner's Safe Cure with great advantage and derived much benefit from its use, and unhesitatingly recommend it to my friends."

In speaking upon this subject, Dr. Rankin says: "I have known of many who have been permanently cured of diseases of the kidneys and urinary organs by the use of Warner's Safe Cure. I know, too, of its being used in similar cases by physicians of the highest standing. This remedy I want in the cause of humanity to recommend."

Men like Bishop Wilson and Dr. Rankin do not speak hastily, or of things of which they are not fully aware. They love men and women and desire to see them made, physically as well as morally, better. Thousands of dollars could not for a moment tempt them to make statements like the above unless they knew positively that they were true.

There are men innumerable who have been worn out by the cares and strains of life, who are less energetic and active than formally; who feel a lack of ambition when they should be energetic, and who do not know the cause. There is but one cause for all these troubles, and that is kidney or liver disease.

There are many women who are unaccountably pale, sallow, sickly, who lack appitite and are virtually a burden to their friends and yet who do not realize the occasion of such troubles. It all arises from female difficultles caused by imperfect kidneys. To all such the outspoken words above quoted should come as a blessing.

When such well-known and noble men as the above speak in such frank and manly terms as they do of a remedy, they thoroughly know there can not be the slightest question as to its great merits and its powers to benefit mankind.

CZAR'S MAN FRIDAY.

Prince Uchtomski Is the Friend and Confidant of Nicholas.

Prince Uchtomski is perhaps the most intimate friend and associate that Nicholas has among his subjects. He accompanied the czar on his memorable trip to China and Japan and was able thoroughly to ingratiate himself with the youth who was destined so short a time after to become his sovereign. Uchtomski was at the time an official of the ministry of the interior, but was not liked either by his immediate chiefs or by the minister himself, M. Dournovo, and consequently had seen many of his juniors promoted over his head. No sooner had Nicholas succeeded to the throne than the minister, anxious to curry favor with the new czar, submitted to him a memorandum proposing Prince Uchtomski for promotion and for the appointment as chief of a new department. The czar read the memoir, and then, with a sarcastic smile, remarked, "Oh, you are suddenly appreciating Uchtomski's merits."

M. Dournovo became perplexed and terribly embarrassed, whereupon the czar commanded him to leave it on his desk. Uchtomski received the appointment in question, but held it only for a few days, resigning it in order to assume the presidency of the newly organized Russo-Chinese bank at St. Petersburg, to which he had been nominated by the czar, and which is intrusted with the management of the extensive financial relations between the two governments. The czar likewise authorized him to become the editor in chief of the now important daily newspaper, the Viedomosti, which derives its importance from the conviction that it reflects the personal views of the czar, and which distinguishes itself for its championship of Russia's interests in the orient.

The prince holds the appointment of chamberlain and master of ceremonies to the czar, so that he is able to obtain access to his imperial friend and patron at all times.—Exchange.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Consumption and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

Who can fail to take advantage of this offer. Send 10 cents to us for a generous trial size or ask your druggist. Ask for Ely's Cream Balm, the most positive catarrh cure. Full sive 50 cents. ELY BROS.,

56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

I suffered from catarrh of the worst kind ever since a boy, and I never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that. Many acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Oscar Ostrum, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

A London Crush.

When you go to a private view in London you only look at the pictures by accident. It is the people you have really come to see. You walk about and stand about for hours in your best frock, your smartest and newest shoes and the most sublime hat you can manage to evolve. Your gown is usually too tight, your shoes are frequently ditto and your chapeau, ten chances to one, is frightfully top heavy. Still all these sorrows must be borne with a heightened color and as pleased an expression as you can manage to work up. Duchesses dig their elbows into your ribs, you step apologetically upon the patent leather toes of a duke, marchionesses disarrange the back of your skirt and marquises are apt to ogle you through eyeglasses. The greatest actresses and the most celebrated demimondaines rub shoulders, while actors, artists, litterateurs and cabinet ministers are as thick as peas. It is all very amusing and entertaining if you only have a keen sense of humor. If you are not blessed with this gift of the gods, a private view is no sort of use for you to go to. Give your coveted ticket away and wait till the crush is over and you can get in for a shilling.—San Francisco Argonaut.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rockingham *Index:* Mr. L. H. Stogner, the new deputy marshal, succeeded in capturing two blockaders in Montgomery county this week. They were unable to give bond and were sent to jail. Mr. Stogner says one of them had a jug of "moonshine" when captured, which appeared to have been made about three hours.

— Winston *Sentinel:* News was received here to-day of a fatal accident which befell Mr. Apps Black, who lived two miles south of Thomasville. He was putting up a small corn mill and had gotten the stone in place and was trying the speed of the mill. The speed got too high when the stone flew to pieces, a part of which struck Mr. Black in the stomach, making a terrible wound. He survived only two days after the accident.

— Statesville *Mascot:* Mr. Wm. S. Brawley, of Shiloh township, made this year on ten acres of land 3,500 pounds of lint cotton or 350 pounds to the acre. He used only $15 worth of fertilizers. —— A piano tuner and his kit of tools caused a small-sized panic in the colored graded school Monday. The little "coons" thought he was a doctor who was going to forcibly vaccinate them. They yelled and some of them tried to jump out of the windows, but quiet was finally restored.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Capt. A. J. Brockman, an estimable citizen of Greensboro, dropped dead about 11 o'clock Saturday morning at Mr. J. J. Phoenix's produce house, on South Davie street, where he had been summoned by Contractor Thos. Woodruffe to splice a heavy rope for a new elevator that was being fitted up, the captain being an expert rope manipulator by reason of his early experience as master of sailing vessels. Captain Brockman was born in Germany about seventy years ago. For several years he followed the ocean, but in 1852 he came to this country and located in Randolph county, where he resided two years.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor:* The Farmers' Milling Company of Conover, in Catawba county, was incorporated to-day at the Secretary of State's office, with a capital stock of $3,500. —— The Mutual Building and Loan Association of Charlotte filed their statement with the State Auditor to-day. Their capital stock for the year was $176,900.21, which beats all others associations reporting thus far by $125,000. —— Warden Russell of the State prison said to-day that all the convicts there had now been vaccinated. There are 169 in the prison here and they were vaccinated by Dr. J. R. Rogers, fifty a day. The lady who is teaching them to stitch on the shirt making machines says that she never saw any beginners learn faster. The first shirt was made Friday.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut:* We learn that arrangements for the sale of the celebrated Portis mine, situated in Nash and Franklin counties, have been consummated. This property has a record of about two million dollars, although nothing but part of the surface has been scratched and there remains unlimited quantities of ore in sight. The purchase price to be paid is $120,000, which we consider very cheap for a property of such undoubted value. Theiss, who has taken three-quarters of a million from the Haile mine in South Carolina during the past eight years, will be superintendent. This assures legitimate working and consequent success. Machinery will be placed on the property and active work commenced at once.

Bad Importations.

Englishmen introduced the rabbit to Australia, where it ruined vast areas of valuable land. Weasels sent to correct the mistake found ground birds good eating and let the rabbits alone. Scotsmen bestowed the thistle upon New Zealand and then wished they hadn't. A pretty water weed of which Englishmen are fond was transplanted to New Zealand and throve so that it dams broad rivers. The mongoose sent to Jamaica to kill off the cane rats exterminated them and developed a fine liking for poultry.

A Natural Request.

"This new soap," said the barber, "is very nice. It is made largely of cream, with just a dash of alcohol in it."

"Well, remember I'm a temperance man," replied Dobbers, "so don't put any more of it into my mouth than you can help."—Pick Me Up.

Adam South a century ago gave a very interesting description of the manufacture of pins as then carried on. At that time an uneducated workman could scarcely make a dozen pins a day, but within the last 50 years the trade has been quite revolutionized by the introduction of machinery.

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When In Love.

People in love, says a lady, are always more bad tempered than others. This particularly applies to engaged couples. It seems that the extraordinary sweetness they expend on each other must in some way be counterbalanced, and for this reason they are much more peevish and bad tempered toward their friends than they were before they fell in love.

Another reason for the exhibition of bad temper lies in the fact that people who are in love feel an intense—almost irresistible—desire to proclaim the charms of the beloved one to their friends. And the friends, not being extraordinarily interested in the subject, are apt to be a little resentful of long drawn out eulogies of persons they hardly know or perhaps have never seen. The natural result of this is recrimination and continued bickering.

Then, again, those in love have a habit of comparing other people with the object of their affections to the decided disadvantage of the "other people." As these comparisons are often resented or poohpoohed, an exhibition of temper is again the result.

Now, if people who are in love would only think for a moment they would understand that their friends are quite indifferent to the charms of "the dearest girl in the world" and that her retailed sayings are as uninteresting to them as an essay on prehistoric fashions.—London Answers.

The Surprise of All.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 33 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 32½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine dul, 25½, 25c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50, tar firm, 90c; crude turpentine steady, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	551
Tar	111
Crude turpentine	0

Receipts same day last year.—98 casks spirits turpentine, 1,379 bbls rosin, 281 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5 5/8c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Good Ordinary	3 3-16	cts ₱ lb
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	5 3-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5¾	" "

Same day last year, middling 6¾c.

Receipts—471 bales; same day last year, 322.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Money on call easy at 1½@1¾ per cent., last loan 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange about steady; actual business in bankers' bills at 485⅝@485½ for demand; 483@483½ for sixty days. Posted rates were 486 and 486½. Commercial bills 482. Silver certificates 55⅝@56½. Bar silver 55⅞. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 127½; U.S. new 4's, coupon, 127½; U. S. 4's 112½; U. S. 4's, coupon, 114; U. S. 2's 100; U. S. 5's, registered, 113½; U. S. 5's, coupon, 113¾. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine was firm at 34@34¾c.

CHARLESTON, February 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32c; sales — bales Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32c; sales 120 casks; receipts 202 casks. Rosin firm; sales 238 barrels; receipts 1,763 barrels; quotations: A, B, C, D $1 20, E 1 25, F 1 27½, G 1 35, H 1 60, I 1 65, K 1 75, M 1 80, N 1 95, W G 2 00, W W $2 25.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—The larger share of to-day's transactions in cotton futures was of a scalping nature, the less confident longs and shorts having evened up their accounts Friday and Saturday in anticipation of Sunday and to-morrow's holiday, while the stronger bulls and bears were indisposed to add to their obligations. The principal factors brought to bear on the market early in the day were predictions of heavy port receipts, not altogether satisfactory advices from Liverpool and sensational reports from Washington. After opening steady at unchanged prices to one point lower, the total scope of fluctuations was only a matter of four points, with the market finally quiet at unchanged prices to three points lower. Liverpool sent a few scattered selling orders at the start but took little or no part in trading through the balance of the session.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 6¼c.

Cotton futures closed quiet, with sales of 119,100 bales; February 5.93c., March 5.94c., April 5.97c., May 6.01c., June 6.04c., July 6.07c., August 6.10c., September 6.08c., October 6.08c., November 6.08c., December 6.11c.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6¼c; middling gulf 6½c; sales — bales.

Net receipts 639 bales; gross 12,020 bales; exports to France 785 bales; exports to the Continent 1,088 bales; forwarded 3,174 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 223 bales; stock 2,633 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 3,388 bales; exports to Great Britain 17,704 bales; exports to France 785 bales; to the Continent 6,906 bales; stock 1,237,840 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 64,392 bales; exports to Great Britain 46,085 bales; to France 785 bales; to the Continent 15,424 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 7,182,380 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,489,926 bales; to France 653,223 bales; to the Continent 2,016,028 bales.

February 21.—Galveston, steady at 5 13-16c, net receipts 9,000 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 480 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6c, net receipts 474 bales; Boston, dull at 6¼c, net receipts 1,138 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 471 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 6¼c, net receipts 463 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5⅝c, net receipts 3,416 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 5½c, net receipts 20,393 bales; Mobile, dull at 5⅝c, net receipts 2,867 bales; Memphis, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 3,748 bales; Augusta, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 307 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5⅝c, net receipts 1,552 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Flour moderately active, firm and a shade higher on choice grades; city mill patents $5 85@6 15. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 09½; options opened firm at ⅝c@1¼c advance on war rumors and another squeeze of May shorts; the bulge invited selling, however, which with bearish weekly statistics, produced a midday reaction, followed at the close by a sharp rally on covering; the market was finally steady at ¼@1c net advance; No. 2 red March $1 08, closed $1 08⅜; May closed $1 03⅝. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 37¾c; options opened firmer at ¾c net advance on bad weather West, but declined under a liberal visible supply, and increasing local unloading; closed ¼c net decline; May 35¾@36¼c, closed 35⅞c; July closed 36⅞c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 32c; options quiet and a shade easier with corn; closed ¾c net lower; May closed 30¾c. Lard was firm; Western steam $5 45@5 47½; May $5 60, nominal; refined firm. Pork quoted firm. Butter strong; Western creamery 14½@20; do. factory 11@14c; Elgins 20c; creamery 15@17c; State dairy 13@17c; do creamery 14@19c. Cheese quiet; large white September 8½c. Petroleum was dull. Cotton seed oil firm; prime crude 20½c; do. yellow 23@23½. Tallow firmer; country 3½@3⅝c, as to quality. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6¼c; No. 7 jobbing 6¾; mild steady; Cordova 7½@15½c; sales 1,100 bags Guatemala and 350 bags Maracaibo on P. T. Sugar—raw strong; refined firm.

CHICAGO, February 21.—Wheat was very nervous and unsettled to-day, and fluctuations covered a wide range. News as a rule was bearish, but to-morrow is a holiday and the prevailing Lieter influence made shorts anxious to cover. May closed at ¾c advance and July ⅛c higher. Corn and oats were heavy on free liquidation and closed ¾c and ⅝c lower respectively. Provisions show small irregular changes in closing prices.

CHICAGO, February 21.—Cash quotations: Flour slow. Wheat—No. 2 spring nominal; No. 3 spring 91@94c; No. 2 red 1 05@1 05½. Corn—No. 2 29⅝@29⅞c. Oats—No. 2, 26⅜; No. 2 white,—c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28¼@29¼c. Rye—No. 2, 49c. Mess pork, per barrel, $10 95@11 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5 17½@5 20. Short rib sides (loose) $5 15@5 40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) $4 75@5 00. Short clear sides (boxed) $5 50@5 60. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 18½.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2, February $1 07,—,—; May $1 07½, 1 08, 1 06, 1 06¾; July 92, 93½, 91½, 92⅝. Corn—May 31⅝, 31⅞, 30⅝, 30⅞; July 32¾, 32¾, 31⅞, 32½c; September 34, 34, 33⅛, 33¼. Oats—May 27⅜, 27½, 26½, 26¾c; July 25, 25, 24⅜, 24½. Mess pork, per bbl., May $11 12½, 11 12½, 10 95, 11 00; July $11 15, 11 15, 10 95, 11 00. Lard, per 100 lbs.—May $5 25, 5 27½, 5 22½, 5 25; July $5 32½, 5 35, 5 30, 5 32½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $5 30, 5 32½, 5 22½, 5 25; July $5 37½, 5 40, 5 30, 5 32½.

BALTIMORE, February 21.—Flour inactive; Western superfine $2.80@3.20; do extra $3.45@4.10; do family $4.40@4.70; winter wheat patents $4.85@5.10; spring wheat $5.10@5.30; spring wheat straight $4.90@5.05. Wheat dull; spot and month $1.03¼@1.03⅝; March $1.03¼@1.03¾; May $1.03¼@1.03½; steamer No. 2 red 98¾@99c; Southern wheat by sample 99c@$1.04; do on grade 99¾c@$1.03¾. Corn dull; spot and month 35¼@35¼c; March 35@35½c; April 35@35¼c; steamer mixed 34⅝@34¾c; Southern white corn 34¾@36c; do yellow 34½@36c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 34½@35c; No. 2 mixed 32½@33c. Rye easier; No. 2 Western 57½@57¾c. Hay steady; choice timothy $12.50@13.00. Grain freights steady and demand slow; steamer to Liverpool per bushel 3⅝d April; Cork for orders per quarter 3s 4½d March. Sugar strong; granulated $5.33. Butter quiet; fancy creamery 21c; do imitation 16@17c; do ladle 25c; good ladle 13@14c; store packed 12@14c. Eggs quiet; fresh 15c. Cheese steady; fancy New York large 9¾@10c; do medium 10@10½c; do small 10¼@10½c. Lettuce $

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"Why," he replied, "the picture that the architect drew looks first rate. I was going to frame it and hang it up whether we build the house or not."

"That shows your idea of consistency. Of course the house is very well, but you realize, don't you, that it will have to stay exactly where we put it?"

"Unless a cyclone comes along."

"But you must take the locality into consideration. What I have doubts about is the propriety of putting a $15,000 house on a $4,000 lot."

"Well, we've got to do the best we can. It would be just as hard to move the house afterward."

"Of course. That's just like you. Nothing makes you so comfortable as to wear an overcoat that cost $75 with a suit of clothes for which you paid $15."

"Have I been doing anything like that?" he inquired apprehensively.

"Of course you have, and the arrangements you have been making for the stable on this property show precisely the same spirit. You know that our horse is a fine animal, and you have arranged the shelter for him as if he were the commonest sort of a beast of burden. It does seem out of all reason to me to house an animal with a pedigree in a cheap stable of that sort."

"Maybe it is a little unusual."

"Yet it is nothing more than was to be expected from a man who put a $4 frame around a $2,000 oil painting, as you did."

He maintained a thoughtful silence for some time, and she exclaimed:

"I hope you are not pouting?"

"No. I'm just holding my peace. I don't want to make any comments, for fear you will think I am sarcastic."

"You needn't be afraid of hurting my feelings. Of what were you thinking?"

"Of your new dress, for which the material cost $8.50 and the lining $27."—Washington Star.

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WHAT DID HE SMELL?

The Landlady's Perplexity Could Hardly Have Given Him Comfort.

Mr. Ronald Jugson finally found rooms that suited him. They were in a house high on Beacon hill, a house on Mount Vernon street. The bedroom overlooked an apology for a garden. Trees sweetened the air and birds made a fuss in the morning, calling attention to their early rising. The jar of the street car was far away, and Mr. Jugson considered himself fortunate.

He was a priggish man and was in many ways a very Betty. He insisted on oatmeal for breakfast. He wore rubber overshoes if rain threatened. He went to bed invariably at 11 o'clock, and if he were undressed a little before 11 he waited in his nightshirt until the hands pointed exactly at the hour before he put out the gas. And if there was anything he abhorred it was the smell of tobacco.

The first night he spent in his new quarters he noticed soon after he got into bed the odor of an extremely good cigar, for, prig as he was, he knew the difference between cabbage and Havana. The odor was none the less disagreeable to him. Where did the smell come from? Through the window? There was no one in the garden. There was no one on the same floor with him. He was under the impression that only women were on the floor above. He knew some women smoked cigars—witness George Sand and Teresa Carreno—but he remembered the faces of the women he saw at dinner that night, and he almost laughed as he thought of them puffing clouds of smoke. 'Twas very annoying, but he at last went to sleep.

The next morning he spoke to the landlady. "No, Mr. Jugson, curiously enough, there's no one in the house who smokes. Not that I object to it. Indeed I rather like the smell of a good cigar. Smoke all you want to." That night Mr. Jugson sniffed about the bedroom. Not a trace, not a suspicion of smoke. It must have been his imagination. No sooner was he in bed than he was nearly strangled by tobacco smoke. It was as though some one had blown it in his face. Thick, pungent, was the smoke. Was he the victim of a joke? He jumped out of bed, struck a match. Not a bit of smoke. Why should there be? And yet the smell was so powerful he opened a window. That night he tossed and coughed, and coughed and tossed. By daybreak the room was odorless.

Pale, irritable, he went to the breakfast table. After he had eaten his sanitary meal he spoke to the landlady and told his adventure or fancy or hallucination. She looked at him sharply. "I don't understand it, Mr. Jugson. I don't understand it. The lodger before you was a great smoker, but we cleaned the room most thoroughly after he died. He was a very gentlemanly man, and we miss him. He died last week of cancer of the tongue."—Boston Journal.

Chinese Obstacles.

If a house is to be repaired, wonderful forethought is necessary. The evil spirits which are supposed to occupy each dwelling that mortals have inhabited cause the carpenter no end of trouble and no trifling expense. First, an astrologer must be consulted with regard to the most lucky day for beginning the work. Then a square suspended from the ridge beam is a notification to the spirits of darkness that their dwelling place is to be disturbed, wherefore the square thing for them to do is to move out quietly and peacefully. Next the carpenters make offerings to these unseen residents. These gifts seem to say, "If you please, spirits of darkness, accept this bribe and speedily take your flight." Next the neighbors must be warned that these evil influences are about to be turned loose, perhaps to seek shelter under a neighboring roof. Every house on that street receives a notice that upon a certain day and hour repairs are to begin on the dwelling of Ah Sin. Each household can then pay the imps not to enter its doorway, but to go to the next neighbor.

Even the farmer cannot begin his work in the spring until after the national festivals are celebrated in honor of the special gods who are supposed to make it their particular business to look after the welfare of those who till the soil. In a land where more than 100,000,000 people are supported by agriculture, where many farms have been in cultivation for three or even four millenniums, we naturally expect to find skill in that line of work. In this we are not disappointed, for Chinese farming is scientific handwork.—Lippincott's Magazine.

The "Flash" of the Fusileers.

Stitched to the back of their tunic collars the officers and sergeants of the Royal Welsh fusileers wear the "flash," a black silk bow which is a relic of the old pigtail days in the army. In Cannon's "Historical Records of the Twenty-third Regiment," printed in 1847, there is a plate showing a group containing an officer whose back is turned to the spectator, thus affording a good view of the "flash" as then worn. But half a century before that time it was officially noted that the officers of the regiment wore the hair turned up behind. At about that period this method of fastening up the hair with a bow, or "flash," was the "grenadier fashion" of wearing it, and doubtless the "flash" in use today commemorates the old style of hair dressing in the regiment, which was the last to wear the "flash," the Twenty-ninth being the last to wear pigtails and powdered hair. At one time a regimental custom required all officers of the Twenty-ninth to wear their swords at mess, but the habit became relaxed and finally gave place to the existing practice of the captain and subaltern of the day thus wearing the weapon, and still giving to the Twenty-ninth (First Worcestershire regiment) a marked peculiarity in dress.—Pall Mall Magazine.

No Beating on His Beat.

Magistrate Threehee—Officer Flannigan, what's the charge against this man?

Officer Flannigan—Batin an offsur, sur.

Magistrate Threehee—What did he do?

Officer Flannigan—He borrowed a quarter from me, sur, and forgot to return it.—St. Paul Dispatch.

THE LOOKOUT.

"My eyes!" remarked a little old tar, with gray ringlets hanging about his temples like the twisted strands of a rope. "My eyes! It's a stormy night, mates, and I shouldn't wonder if we should be brought up all of a sudden before long ag'in some of them big rafts of ice that we saw to leeward a few hours ago. Tom Cummings, d'you see, is on the lookout, and there never was a lazier dog than he is."

"Old Bungs will see to him, Jack," answered one of the shipmates. "He's walked forward already no less than half a dozen times in order to see that he's keepin a sharp eye about him."

"Aye, aye," cried Jack, "but if Bungs had gone a little closer to him I wouldn't be afraid to wager considerable that he'd find Cummings sittin on his knees, with his head upon his breast and fast asleep. In fact, I feel so sartin of this that I shall go for'ard at once and wake him up."

So saying, he hastened along the lee gangway, and on gaining the knightheads he discovered that his surmise was correct.

The lookout man was leaning against the bowsprit snorting melodiously.

Jack woke him up with a rough shake, and the startled seaman sprang to his feet.

"You'd better keep your eyes open, lad," said the old tar. "It isn't honorable—it isn't doin your duty or actin right by any of us to go to sleep on sich a night as this. Besides, you're liable to freeze to death, and"—

"Aye, aye," interrupted Tom. "You are right, Jack, and for the life o' me I can't imagine how my eyes came to close. I'll keep 'em open the rest of the lookout, I promise you."

"It'll be best for you to do so," answered Jack, "and I hope you'll keep your word."

So saying, he started to go aft, when a dark figure suddenly bounded before him, and crouching at his feet laid his great shaggy head against the palm of the old seaman's outstretched hand.

"Aye, aye, you're a noble dog, Neptune," said Jack as he caressed the animal, "and we've all learned to look upon you in the light of a shipmate."

Neptune shook his tail and uttered an amiable growl of satisfaction.

Then he rose upon his hind feet and pressed his fore paws upon the sailor's breast.

"It's a cold night, Neptune, isn't it?"

"Um, up, um!" answered the dog.

"And there's some danger of us running a-foul of the icebergs, mate?"

The dog nodded and whined, then sprang to the lee bulwarks, and thrusting his nose over the rail peered earnestly through the gloom.

"Do you see anything, my lad?"

The animal shook his head in the negative, and with a gleeful bark returned to the side of the old tar.

"Neptune," continued Jack in a low voice, at the same time pointing forward, "I'd like to have you jump on the knightheads and keep a lookout. The man we've got there, d'ye see, lad, is liable at any moment to go to sleep."

Neptune barked indignantly; then jumping upon the knightheads he seated himself by the side of Tom Cummings, with his head and ears erect.

"He's a jolly lad, that Newfoundlander," muttered Jack as he moved toward the quarter deck, "and he'll stay where he is and do his duty like an honest tar, bless his eyes!"

A thick fog bank, which for many hours had rested on the western horizon, was now spreading over the sea.

The moon, which had occasionally emerged from the clouds that scattered like snowdrifts from the sky, was now obscured, and the darkness closed around the ship like a pall.

"Keep a sharp lookout there forward!" shouted the first mate from the quarter deck.

"Aye, aye," answered Tom Cummings, but the next moment his head dropped upon his bosom, and he fell into a deep slumber.

The mate continued his walk, pausing occasionally near the binnacle to look at compass or to listen to the yarns of the watch, some of which were very amusing.

"I think we'll pass the ice floe on this tack," he remarked at length to the man at the wheel. "I thought so in the first place, although the captain was of a different way of thinkin."

"Aye, aye, sir," replied the helmsman, who was an old sailor. "I hope you are right, but sometimes a body gets mistaken in these latitudes, where the current runs so strong. When I was in the"—

"Hark!" suddenly interrupted the mate. "I thought I heard the man on the lookout callin to us."

"It is Neptune!" cried old Jack. "He is barkin as I never heard him bark before. He's got sharp eyes, that dog, and I wouldn't be afraid to bet that he's sighted somethin."

So saying, the old tar hurried forward, but he had scarcely gained the knightheads when his deep voice was heard mingling with the barking of the dog.

"Up with the helm! A big ice mountain right ahead! Look sharp, there, at the wheel! Look sharp!"

Such, indeed, was the fact.

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Had the movement been delayed a moment longer the destruction of the ship, with the loss of the greater part of the crew, if not of all hands, would have been the result.

The old mate, a blunt, good natured fellow, was so affected by the faithful, noble behavior of the shaggy sentinel that he threw both arms around the animal's neck and hugged him to his breast, bestowing upon him all the endearing nautical epithets he could think of and swearing that he should have all the fresh meat he wanted when the vessel returned to the Sandwich Islands.

As to Tom Cummings, he swore by his honor as a sailor and a man that it should never again be said that a "dog was obliged to perform the duty that he (Tom) neglected."—New York News.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, | Superior
NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased,
vs.
Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 252.

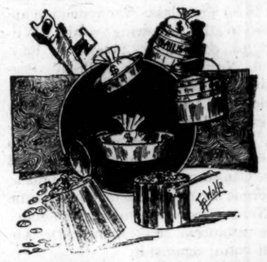
4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 252.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 200 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 325 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 3 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.
February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m



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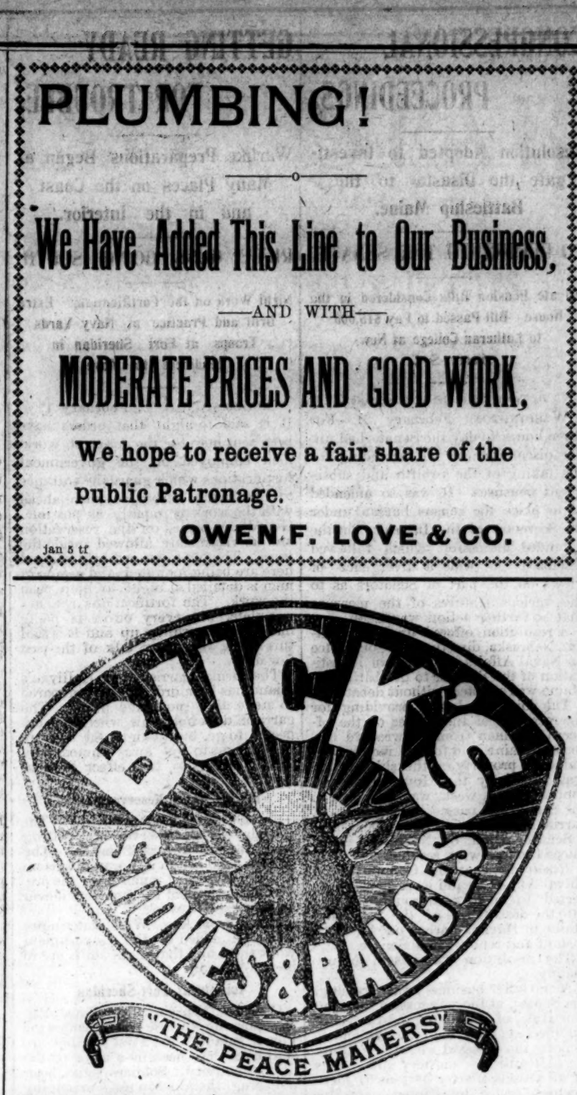

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Train 4.—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:03 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M. Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 5:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:23 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8.18 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:06 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:09 A. M., Raleigh 3:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:18 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 Daily.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 Daily.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	3 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 Daily.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 33 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 Daily.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. W. FRY, Gen'l Manager. W. E. KYLE, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST.		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains			4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Schedule in Effect February 14, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.22 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M. Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 †A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington, 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.03 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 †A. M., Weldon 11.32 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P.M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22, 1898

BOARD OF INQUIRY BEGINS INVESTIGATION.

Capt. Sigsbee the First Witness Called Nothing is to be Made Public Until the Inquiry is Closed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, February 21.—The United States light house tender Mangrove arrived here this morning, having on board the officers composing the court of inquiry appointed by Rear Admiral Sicard to inquire into the loss of the battleship Maine. The commander of the Fern sent a boat at 10 A. M. for Captain Peral and his secretary, Lieutenant Salas, of the Spanish navy, who are to take part in the Spanish investigations in the disaster.

The board met on the Mangrove at 10 o'clock this morning, with Captains Sampson and Chadwick and Lieutenant Commanders Potter and Marix present. Captain Sampson presided and Lieutenant Commander Marix, recently executive officer of the Maine, acted as recorder.

Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the Maine, was the first witness called. He was under examination until 1 o'clock this afternoon, at which hour an adjournment was taken.

Captain Sampson received the Associated Press correspondent immediately after the morning session of the board. He said, in the course of the interview: "I would be glad to give the Associated Press news, but owing to the delicate situation the board has decided to make nothing whatever public. I do not know what time may develop or when, and it is only fair to the Spanish government not to tell the public the testimony until all has been received and the findings have been considered. You may say that this rule is absolute. Due care will be taken for the rigid enforcement of it, and all stories purporting to come from the court should be set down as false. I have no idea as to how long the court will remain here. No one is authorized to fix the time, as the members themselves do not know. I shall give to the Associated Press such routine news of the proceedings as is proper."

Captain Sigsbee, on board the Mangrove, told the correspondent that he was quite pleased with the examination, and that he was able to answer all the questions asked—not only as to his own acts but as to those of his subordinates on the Maine.

Divers at Work.

Gunner Charles Morgan, of the cruiser New York, arrived on the Mangrove and is in immediate charge of the divers. The latter have been at work all day, but up to the time of sending this dispatch no discoveries of importance have been made. it is believed that the salvage by the wrecking company will be considerable and valuable.

To-day ninety-five officers and eight hundred and fifty sick soldiers started on their return to Spain.

Several sugar estates in the Guantanamo district have commenced grinding cane.

Spaniards Not Interfering.

HAVANA, February 21.—Consul General Lee says the Spanish officials are not interfering with the investigation into the causes of the disaster. He has notified the captain of the port that the wrecking tug Right Arm will be here to-morrow from the Merritt & Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company. No objection will be made to the presence of the tug or her prospective work. She will probably make an early attempt to save the big guns, and if possible the more valuable parts of the Maine's machinery.

To-day the divers found a copper cylinder used in conveying charges to the six-inch guns. The fact that it had exploded seems to show that there was an explosion in the magazine for fixed ammunition on the port side forward.

This afternoon the court of inquiry personally inspected the wreck of the Maine. By their invitation Captain Peral, appointed by the Spanish government as a special judge to investigate the disaster, and his secretary, viewed the divers at work. Captain Peral expressed his appreciation of the courtesies shown to him by the court of inquiry.

A number of bodies were discovered to-day in the forward hatch. It was not possible to remove them, but they will probably be removed to-morrow.

WHARF AT TAMPICO BURNED.

Total Loss Nearly Two Million Dollars —Fully Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTEREY, MEXICO, Februarv 21.—The new wharf at Tampico, constructed by the Central railroad, under Government supervision, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The fire started in a box car on the east end of the wharf and gradually spread to the sheds. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The total loss on wharf, custom house and merchandise is nearly $2,000,000, fully insured.

IN A HAVANA THEATRE.

Bomb Explosion That Caused Some Damage and Injured Several Persons.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, February 21.—At about midnight last night while a masquerade ball was in progress at the Irijoa Theatre, a bomb was exploded on the second floor, destroying window blinds and the roof and wounding a lawyer named Pou, and his father and two other persons. The explosion caused great confusion and many of the masqueraders abandoned the theatre. Others, however, continued dancing.

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ANOTHER SHIP FOR HAVANA.

Capt. Sigsbee Telegraphed for More Divers and Wreckers—Spaniards Are Not Interfering—Court of Inquiry Visit the Wreck.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—To-day's developments in the Maine disaster were of a negative character, greatly to the disappointment of a considerable number of persons who were looking for some startling discovery by a diver working in the sunken hull.

The State Department, after learning that Lieutenant Commander Sobral was no longer recognized as an attache of the Spanish legation, decided to ignore the interview attributed to him, which it at first was disposed to resent. It is now learned that Secretary Long late Saturday evening called upon Secretary Day, of the State Department, and laid before him newspaper clippings containing the reported interview. Acting Secretary Day agreed with Secretary Long that there was warrant for looking into the matter and called the attention of the Spanish charge to the publications. The charge, however, promptly declared that the naval officer was no longer an attache of the legation, his successor having been appointed and gazetted December 24th last. He further explained that it was owing entirely to the more important and pressing matters of business before it that the legation had overlooked the sending of the proper notification of the change to the State Department. It is said that as a matter of fact there are frequently great delays in the receipt of such information of changes among attaches at the State Department.

More Divers Needed.

For very obvious reasons, Captain Sigsbee at Havana is making strenuous efforts to hasten the recovery of the bodies, probably nearly a hundred in number, still imprisoned in the wreck of the Maine. It was a knowledge of the Captain's desire that probably led Consul-General Lee to notify the State Department of need of more divers. This had the desired effect, for the Navy Department took action to send more help.

Admiral Sicard telegraphed from Key West this afternoon that he had sent five divers to Captain Sigsbee and asked if that was sufficient. The acting chief of the Navigation Bureau, Captain Dickens, at once took the sensible course of directing the admiral to put himself in communication with Captain Sigsbee and learn his needs at first hand.

The business of the Navy Department is getting back to its normal conditions, as is evidenced by the fact that an order has been issued to discontinue the special telegraph service which was established with Key West, and hereafter the office at that place will close at 10 o'clock at night as formerly. Commander Forsythe, the commandant at Key West, has also asked permission of the department to stop his daily bulletins and this has been granted, with an understanding that he will report any deaths that may occur among the sufferers in the hospital there. To-day he reported that they were all getting along nicely. The exchange of official condolences still continues.

To-day Secretary Long sent a telegram as follows to Captain Eulate:

"Commanding officer of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, Tompkinsville, N. Y.:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of condolence for the loss of the Maine and to thank you for the expression of sympathy."

A similar response was also made to a cablegram from Vice Admiral Spann, at Vienna, expressive of sympathy for the disaster of the Maine.

A dispatch of last night from Capt. Sigsbee was as follows:

"Visited hospital to-day. Men very much pleased to see me. Numbers of bodies found and buried to-day.

"No investigation yet of the zone of the explosion. Need regular wrecking divers for that. Lee sent to Gen. Blanco a telegram relating to expected coming of wrecking vessels."

It is understood here that by the "zone of the explosion" in his dispatch, Capt. Sigsbee means that part of the wreck of the Maine forward of the mainmast, that suffered directly. The reference to Lee's dispatch to Blanco touches the formal notification to the Spanish authorities there of the coming of the American wrecking vessels to Havana.

Another Warship to Go to Havana.

The Navy Department has not yet determined definitely which of our warships shall replace the Maine in Havana harbor, although it has been determined that as a matter of policy another ship must be sent there. The choice lies between the Montgomery (cruiser) now on her way from San Domingo to Key West, and the Nashville (gunboat), now at Galveston participating in the Mardi Gras festivities. If the latter terminates some time this week, as is expected, it is said that the Nashville probably will be the vessel selected for the trip.

Want to Enlist.

Steps have been taken by the Navy Department to fill the vacancies in the enlisted branch of the navy caused by the lost of the crew of the Maine. The legal quota is now about three hundred. An arrangement has been made for the enlistment of about that number of men. Telegraphic orders have been sent to the recruiting officers in charge of the recruiting ships New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk, authorizing them to make enlistments. There will be no difficulty whatever in securing men, inasmuch as there are applications on file far in excess of the requirements of the navy for some time to come unless Congress shall immediately comply with the recommendation of the department for an increase of a thousand men in the enlisted strength of the navy. Numerous letters and telegrams have been received at the department from individuals desiring to join the navy, asking to be enlisted immediately. A telegram was received this morning from an organization in Detroit offering the immediate services of ten thousand citizens of that city, in case of need. Patriotic offers also have been received from other places.

Senor Sagast, the Spanish premier, says the reports of divers, which have since been confirmed, prove that the disaster to the Maine was the result of an accident.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Resolution Adopted to Investigate the Disaster to the Battleship Maine.

TO REPORT TO THE SENATE.

Private Pension Bills Considered in the House—Bill Passed to Pay $15,000 to Lutheran College at Newberry, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—For three hours to-day the Senate had under discussion the bill providing for the taking of the twelfth and subsequent censuses. It was so amended as to place the census bureau under the Secretary of the Interior, but the extended discussion which followed disclosed so wide a divergence of views on the part of Senators as to the various features of the measure that no further action was taken.

A resolution offered by Senator Allen, Nebraska, directing the Committee on Naval Affairs to make an investigation of the disaster to the battleship Maine was adopted without debate.

The joint resolution providing for the recovery of the bodies of the officers and men from the wrecked battleship Maine and for the recovery of valuable property on the ship, which was passed by the House of Representatives last week, was presented to the Senate and passed immediately. It carries an appropriation of $200,000.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be and it is hereby directed to make a thorough inquiry into the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the 15th instant and report to the Senate.

The resolution was passed immediately.

As no other business was pressing, the Senate, at the suggestion of Senator Hale, of Maine, began to consider unobjected bills on the calendar. Among those passed were the following: Requiring masters and mates of all vessels of over 700 tons to have licenses issued by United States inspectors; providing for the collection of fees for furnishing certificates of title to vessels.

At 2 o'clock consideration of bills on the calendar was discontinued, and the measure providing for the twelfth and subsequent censuses was laid before the Senate.

The proposition was discussed until 5:10 P. M., when, without action upon the bill the Senate, upon motion of Senator Carter, of Montana, went into executive session and shortly afterward adjourned.

House of Representatives.

This was a private bill day in the House but little was accomplished owing to the fact that most of the time was consumed in the passage of private pension bills coming over from the Friday night session three weeks ago. The feature of the day was the spirited contest over the bill to pay Newberry college, a Lutheran institution in South Carolina, $15,000 for damages sustained by it while used as a barracks by Federal troops shortly after hostilities ceased. It was strongly opposed by Mr. Dingley and Mr. Dalzell, who announced their antagonism to war claims of this character, but Mr. Cooper, of Texas, who championed it on the Democratic side, was supported by Mr. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Walker, of Massachusetts, and other Republicans, and it was finally passed. On motion of Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, the House voted 58 to 35 to observe Washington's birthday by adjourning over to-morrow, but Mr. Dingley raised the point of no quorum, and before further action could be taken, the House recessed under the rule until 8 o'clock. The Republicans desire to go ahead with the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill to-morrow.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

The Responsibility of Spain in Case the Maine Explosion Was Due to an Accident.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, February 21.—The question of responsibility which might attach to the Government of Spain in case the Maine explosion was due to a mine in the harbor of Havana, and was the work of a fanatic, or an accident, has become a subject of discussion by the lawyers. International law is a matter largely of precedent, and a mine explosion in a fortified harbor in time of peace has no precedent. All unite in saying that if such an event was by design, it would be the cause for war. No less an authority than Robert T. Lincoln, Secretary of War under Presidents Garfield and former Minister to England, is positive that in case of accident, or if the mine was exploded by a Spanish fanatic, Spain would not be burdened with any legal responsibility.

Mr. Lincoln said: "In neither case would the slightest liability attach to Spain. Assuming a mine exploded by a fanatic or by accident, that would be the end of the affair. Giving international law the widest latitude and stretching precedents to their limit, there would be no liability against the Government of Spain. It is an elementary principle of international law that a government is in no way responsible for the acts of private citizens.

"It is another primary principle that no nation is responsible for accident. As to the right of a nation to fortify its harbor as it sees fit, there cannot be the slightest doubt. Whenever a vessel, therefore, enters the harbor of a foreign power, it is with notice of such defences and with an assumption of the chances they involve."

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

A Sweeping Reduction in Appropriations as Reported to the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—A sweeping reduction of over $8,000,000 from the amount carried by the current law is made in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill reported to the House to-day, the aggregate appropriation carried being $44,749,893. The total is $13,234,641 less than the regular and supplemental official estimates made for the fiscal year of 1896 and $8,861,890 less than the appropriation made for the current fiscal year.

For arsenals and armories $193,375 is appropriated, an increase of $54,765 from the current year; for military posts, $420,000 (estimates called for $2,000,000; work on rivers and harbors under authorized contracts, $13,210,613, a reduction of $5,367,899.

Standard Oil sold down to 387 yesterday, making the drop twenty-six points. It closed at 389.

GETTING READY FOR TROUBLE.

Warlike Preparations Begun at Many Places on the Coast and in the Interior.

RIFLE GUNS GOING SOUTH.

Night Work on the Fortifications—Extra Drill and Practice at Navy Yards Troops at Fort Sheridan in Readiness to Move.

CHARLESTON, S. C. February 19.—It is said to-night that orders have been sent here for the force of workmen employed on the government fortifications which guard the entrance to Charleston harbor to push ahead with the work as rapidly as possible. Guards are placed on the reservation and no visitors are allowed inside the lines. The big guns recently shipped here are being mounted, and a gang of men is detailed at night to help rush the work. The fortifications are not complete, but every effort is being made to hurry things up and it is said this is due to the war talk of the past few days.

The army garrison on Sullivan's Island has been ordered to be prepared to move at a moment's notice. The garrison does not know where it is expected to go, but to-night the men are in readiness to get away immediately should orders to that effect be sent them.

Florida Naval Reserves Active.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 19.—The Florida Naval Reserves are getting ready for active work if needed. The officers have begun a thorough system of drill and expect much from the present enthusiasm of the members if ever called to active work.

News from Key West states more men are added to the Government work there and that night shifts are to be put on soon.

Activity at Fort Sheridan.

CHICAGO, February 19.—Since Friday morning Fort Sheridan, where the Fourth infantry and First cavalry are stationed, has been in a state of the utmost activity. Soldiers have been polishing their weapons, arranging mess kits, grooming horses, and preparing generally to march at a moment's notice. Col. Robert H. Hall, in command of the fort, yesterday received one telegram among the many messages delivered to him daily which caused him to take action. He at once ordered that general precautions for a possible immediate summons be taken. Accordingly ever man busied himself arranging his army belongings. Every man was supplied with ammunition sufficient for 100 rounds. This is in both the cavalry and infantry. Orders were issued to turn defective rifles into the ordnance department and others were furnished. To-day preparations in compliance with the orders were completed, and those stationed at the fort were in readiness to receive orders of any character.

Hurrying Rifle Guns South.

BOSTON, February 19.—The Evening *Herald* says: "Rush orders have been received at Fort Warren directing the commander, Col. Woodruff, to send a detachment of one corporal and eight men to Fort Winthrop, where they will get eight-inch converted rifle guns to the dock in readiness for shipment. The guns go to Mobile, Ala., where carriages from New York have been sent to mount the rifles on. It was learned to-day that the orders received some time ago from the department at Washington, bearing upon the equipment and efficiency of the men, are being carried out at the navy yard, and that every marine remaining there has been inspected, his equipment increased to that of active service, and extra drill is being held daily. The apprentices on the Wabash, as well as the regular seamen and recruits, are being given practice at the guns and with the cutlass."

Troops at Fort Riley.

JUNCTION CITY, KAN., February 19.—The fact that the troops at Fort Riley were busy all day yesterday preparing their equipment and packing personal effects and that all furloughs to officers and men are refused, pending further orders, has given rise to the report that orders have been received to be in readiness to move on short notice.

ADVICES FROM MADRID.

The Spanish Government Affects Ignorance of Military Preparations in the United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MADRID, February 21.—An official agency says: "The *Imparcial* publishes a dispatch for which it must assume full responsibility, as it does not accord with the relations actually known to exist between the Spanish and American governments. It is dated from New York and reads:

"'Great military preparations are being made. The forts are being reinforced. Three hundred artillerymen have been sent to Sandy Hook and the naval reserves have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness. The gun cotton and smokeless powder factories are working night and day and it is generally believed that a great crisis in the relations between the United States and Spain is imminent.'"

The Government has received no information tending to confirm the above dispatch.

Admiral Bermeje, the Minister of Marine, visited United States Minister Woodford this evening in order to communicate, it is supposed, dispatches with reference to the Maine.

The Vizcaya will leave New York to-morrow or Wednesday.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Cottons Firm and Prints Fairly Active at Strong Prices.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—The price tone for cottons remains firm. Slight advances have been announced in New York Mills wide sheetings and some other lines. The demand is still restrained, to-day's mail orders showing little change from previously reported averages. Converters still figure quite prominently in the market and are more liberal in their bids. Prints are fairly active at strong prices.

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The Contempt Cases Against Col. Andrews Continued—Democratic Executive Committee to Meet Friday—Other Raleigh News.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.

The news of the Governor's serious consideration of and desire to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad to the Southern Railway Company was a great surprise. While the lease of the road had been talked of in a random manner, it was not known that the Governor favored the scheme. The Southern Railway Company has not yet signified whether or not it is willing to lease. All propositions to date have come from the Governor.

Last night an immense audience went to the Baptist Tabernacle Church to hear Dr. L. G. Broughton preach from the text: "If Christ Should Come to Raleigh." The discourse by the minister was not local in its application, and a large number of persons who went to hear a sensational sermon were disappointed.

The meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee occurs to-morrow. Several members are already in the city.

The New York Life Insurance Company did the largest business of any insurance company in the State last year. It suffered less losses also.

Treasurer Worth decides that persons selling oil from a wagon or tank on the streets is not liable to peddler's license. They are liable only for the regular merchant's purchase tax.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Railroad Commission reduced passenger fares to two cents per mile for second class, and two and a half cents for first class. The reduction applies to the following roads: Wilmington & Weldon, Petersburg Railroad, North Carolina Railroad, Seaboard & Roanoke, Raleigh & Gaston, Raleigh & Augusta, Georgia & North Carolina, Piedmont, Northwestern N. C., the Western from Salisbury to Paint Rock, the Atlantic & Ohio, and the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta. There is no reduction on the Atlantic & North Carolina, owned by the State. The resolution was adopted, Dr. Abbott voting against it.

A substitute, offered by Dr. Abbott, that the Commission consider a reduction of freight rates instead of passenger fares, was voted down by Pearson and Caldwell.

The following, introduced by Chairman Caldwell, was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Railroad Commission act makes it unlawful for any common carrier within the State, either directly or indirectly, by any special rates, rebate, drawback or other device, to charge, demand, collect or receive from any person greater or less compensation for any service rendered in the transportation of passengers than it charges, demands, collects or receives from any other person or persons; and, whereas, said act enumerates exceptions alone permitted; and, whereas, absolute equality is the demand of the law,

"*Resolved*, That said act condemns and prohibits free passes or mileage transportation to all editors, staff correspondents and employes of newspapers of this State. That said act applies with equal force to free pass or free mileage transportation to attorneys within the State not actually employed by the common carrier for a certain sum, and not actual and *bona fide* employes of the carrier."

The contempt case against Col. Andrews and other Southern officers is continued until March 5th. The Commission then adjourned, till that date.

A telegram from Washington says the attorneys in the case of the Railway Commissioners submitted briefs with the United States Supreme Court as to issues of contempt, and jurisdiction and motives also made. The Governor thinks this is a victory for his commissioners. He says he expected the court to proceed with the matter of contempt for violation of supersedeas. Pearson claims a victory also. It is alleged that the Governor is not pleased with the action of Caldwell and Pearson in reducing passenger fares at the very time he is treating with the Southern for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

COURTESIES ABANDONED.

A Quiet Intimation to the Spanish Cruiser to Take Her Departure from New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—The social courtesies which the Government intended to extend to the officers of the Vizcaya have been abandoned on account of the Maine catastrophe.

As a result the stay of the Vizcaya at New York probably will be materially shortened, and she is likely to sail within the next three days, probably on Thursday next. The ship undoubtedly will proceed direct to Havana, not stopping at Charleston or other ports, as has been suggested during the earlier preparations.

The Vizcaya will not coal at New York, according to the understanding here, nor will it be necessary for her to take coal before reaching Havana. This determination gives relief to the authorities here, as the taking on of coal in time of public excitement is attended with more or less risk, the coal affording an opportunity to extremists for the secretion of explosives despite the utmost precaution that may be taken.

The plant of the Wheeling Iron and Steel Company at Kenwood, W. Va., shut down yesterday as a result of the determination of 1,000 men to resist the cut of five to fifty per cent in wages as proposed by the company.

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MAINE'S MAGAZINE INTACT.

A Startling Report At Key West Concerning the Divers' Preliminary Examination.

[*Special to the Baltimore Sun.*]

KEY WEST, Feb. 20.—I learn from what might be considered a semi-official source that a partial report of the explosion of the Maine has been made by the divers. Although it seems almost incredible, I am assured that the examination reveals the fact that the powder magazine, wherein the explosion is supposed to have taken place which brought such destruction, has been found by the divers to be intact and its contents unharmed. This, it is said, determines the Board of Inquiry to proceed to Havana to-day and begin their investigations there, instead of convening a court here and commencing its deliberations in this city.

U, S. SUPREME COURT.

Motions Submitted in the Case of the N. C. Railroad Commissioners.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—In the North Carolina Railroad Commissioners' case, which came up in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day, a motion to dismiss was submitted by J. C. McRae, W. H. Day and A. C. Avery, and to affirm by R. O. Burton and Thos. H. Hill. A motion of attachment for contempt and to restore plaintiffs in error to office was submitted by Messrs. Burton and Hill, and opposed by Messrs. McRae, Day and Avery.

WARM WIRELETS.

Rose Selby has been granted a decree of divorce from Norman Selby, known in the pugilistic profession as "Kid" McCoy.

While following the deer hounds at Aiken, S. C., Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney, was knocked from her horse and quite seriously hurt.

James Shumate, chief of police of Lafellatte, Tenn., attempted to arrest William Rutherford, who was drunk. The latter shot at the officer and in the melee both men were killed.

The seventh Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution began yesterday at the grand opera house in Washington.. Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, the president general presided.

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